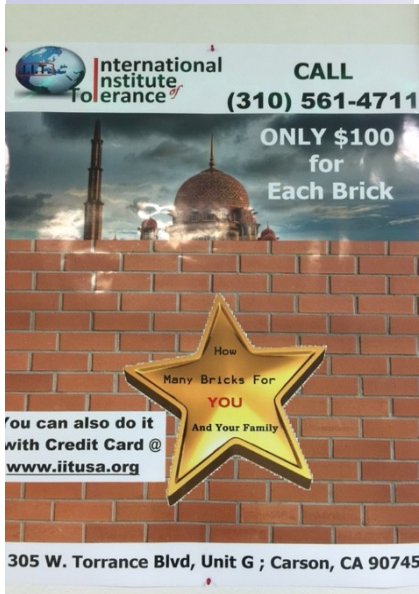


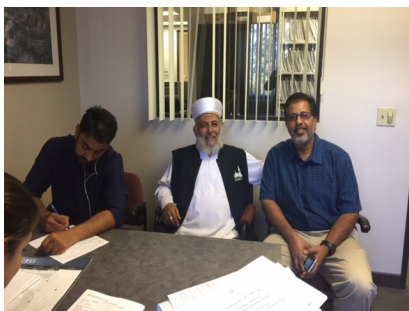
Quarterly Newsletter

The Magnanimity of a Community: A Brick in Allah's Way



When Allah Blesses you Financially, Do not Raise the Standard of Your Living, Raise the Standard of Your Giving.

“Who is he that will lend to Allah a goodly loan so that He may multiply it to him many times? And it is Allah that decreases or increases (your provisions), and unto Him you shall return” (Qur’an



Usman bin Affaan said that he heard the Prophet of Allah (saw) say: **“Whoever builds a mosque for the sake of Allah, Allah will build for him/her a mansion in Paradise .”**

When IIT opened it's doors 10 years ago at a rented facility, it was our expressed goal to find a permanent location for our Center. After years of searching, this dream has now become a reality.

On the eve of Ramadan, Imam Ashraf Carrim released our new initiative “A Brick in Allah's Way”; allowing every member of the Community to have the opportunity of contributing towards the purchase of a property for IIT. You may recall the “Story of the Brick” repeated often by our Imam in which an old lady's contribution of a single brick in the construction of a mosque on earth earned her a room in a palace in paradise— our Hope was to offer everyone this opportunity to earn their “Room” in Jannah by placing a “Brick in Allah's Way”.

Alhamdulillah ! The response of this Community was amazing! Old and young, the poor and middle class from near and far contributed their “Brick in Allah's Way” - donations flowed from the East and West Coast of US, from Canada, Australia, South Africa,

Malaysia and Pakistan to name a few countries abroad. This is an example of the Magnanimity of this Community— you dug deep in your pockets to make this dream a reality. You donated in the names of your beloved deceased family members as well as your children and spouses. This is commendable and displays your spirit of generosity and goodwill towards Allah's House.

This collective action of this Community , the effort that you made to inspire others to become part of this initiative—proves this Hadith :

“Generosity is a Tree. It's branches spread out over the globe. Whoever grasps one of these branches will lift up his companion and take him to Paradise. Paradise is the home of the generous.”

IIT is in escrow to secure a property in the City of Carson, very close to where we are now. Special thanks goes to Imam Ashraf Carrim for his tireless efforts in motivating us, To Amin & Munawwar Fazalboy, Muhammad & Shad Jallah, Adnan Khan, Massoud Nasimi , and last but not least IIT's Members & Supporters: Thank You! Now the work of securing permits, fixing the facility and placing the Musallah will begin. We still need you for the next 2 Phases— you laid the foundation now comes the construction. We depend on you.

Ramadan 2017



Daily Iftar and Dinners

Alhamdulillah! IIT's calendar filled so quickly with Iftar and Dinners booked for the entire month. This coming together as a Community and sharing in the fast break created such a warm spirit of family. We enjoyed the international cuisine as different communities hosted their Iftar at our Center. A special thanks to all who hosted Iftar & Dinners the whole month, and a special thanks to Fanoos Restaurant and Makkah Meat Market for their special menus created for IIT.



Imam Ashraf, Senator Diane Watson & Hon. Consul of Senegal Mame Mbye

Interfaith Iftar

Our Annual Interfaith Iftar was a huge success. Honored guests Senator Diane Watson, Mayor Alfred Robles, Consuls Senegal, Sierra Leone, Coite D'Voir, Angola and San Vincent as well as many heads of organizations graced us with their presence. It was indeed a night of building bridges of Understanding and Friendship. This event was streamed live and we had positive feedback from our international viewers.



Imam Honored with Plaque of Appreciation by Board for effort for new Masjid

Taraweeh, Dua Jameelah and Last ten Nights of Ramadan.

IIT hosted Hafez Omar & Intihab from the UK who recited complete Quran in Taraweeh. Also we celebrated Dua Jameelah, the Battle of Badr, and Life of Hazrat Ali (RA). During the last 10 odd nights, Salatus Tasbeeh was recited followed by Zikr. These spiritual nights knitted our Community so much more. On 27th Night we celebrated Lailatul Qadr with completion of the Quran followed by Qiyamul Layl.

Eid-ul-Fitr and Annual Eid Community Potluck Breakfast.

IIT Celebrated Eid with a full house followed by Potluck Breakfast attended by 500. Toys were distributed to the children and a table of games was offered for a small donation to the Center. It was a time of feasting and joy. A special thanks to Br. Abdul Kareem and all volunteers who helped every night with meals.

IIT Updates

- IIT feeds the homeless every 2nd & 4th Sat of the month at LA Mission. Please join us or make a donation for this cause.
- IIT conducts Adult Quran class every Thursday evenings from 7:00-7:45pm. Please join us.
- On 10th Jan Imam was invited to the Swearing in ceremony of Mayor Robles in Carson
- On 21st Jan Imam was invited to Cathedral of Lady of Angels in Los Angeles
- On Fri 27 Jan Allama Liaqat Hussein from Pakistan delivered Khutbah at IIT.
- On 7th March Athia was invited to Women's Day Forum by Hon. Consul of Senegal in Santa Monica.
- On Mar 5th & Apr 2nd IIT held the monthly Ladies Mouloud from 1-3 pm.
- On 28th Mar Athia Carrim attended Faith Council meeting at DCFS office in Torrance, and the Bullying Prevention Commission at Carson City Hall.
- On 30th March IIT celebrated Lailatul Raghaid
- On 6th April IIT celebrated Life of Khaja Ghariab Nawaz- Champion of the Poor
- On Fri. 7th April IIT held monthly Egyarwie.
- On Fri 14th April Sheikh Ali Ehsayed performed Jumma Khutbah at IIT
- Lailatul Mi'raj: Sun 23rd April.



Hunger Heroes:

“He who helps to remove the hardship of another, will have his difficulties removed by Allah in this world and the hereafter. “He is not a Muslim who goes to bed satiated while his neighbor goes hungry”

Prophet Muhammad {SAW}

IIT has began its new community project by supporting Hunger Heroes with non-perishable food drive. We contributed last Ramadan, and this year we are pairing with the Faith Council of Dept. of Children and Family Services to feed low income children who do not have food to sustain them during the weekends. Each child is given a bag of food to take home every Friday afternoon so the family has food. This year the Madressa children and families are actively participating. On Saturday, 22nd of April IIT will deliver its food to Hunger Heroes at their carnival at DCH Toyota . Special thanks to IIT Family. May Allah Bless You for your generosity. Ameen

Hunger Hero Carnival
 ONE IN EVERY FOUR CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH BAY ARE HUNGRY AT HOME. LET'S MAKE A CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES.
SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017
 10-2PM
What: BOUNCER - FOOD - CRAFTS - GAMES - AND FAMILY FUN!!!
Where: DCH TOYOTA OF TORRANCE - 2909 PCH
Entry: ONE BAG OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO FEED HUNGRY KIDS IN TORRANCE
 Partners call us!
 YOU CAN VOLUNTEER OR ATTEND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
 CALL US FOR MORE INFO - 310-534-0400 EXT. 301
 SPONSORED BY: DCH TOYOTA OF TORRANCE
The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:
 1. "Whoever builds a Mosque for Allah, Allah will build for him likewise in Paradise/Jannah." [Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim].
 2. "Whoever builds a Mosque for Allah - be it Large or Small - Allah will build for him a house in Paradise/Jannah." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi].
 3. The building of a Mosque is a way for a person to continue to earn blessings after death. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) also said: "One of the things that continues to accrue for a believer of his good works after death is: A Mosque that he built." [Sunan Ibn Majah and Sunan al-Bayhaqi]

IIT Services

IIT offers a variety of programs, religious, educational, and social, to advance the well-being of our community. These programs include Jumah Salah/ Friday Khutbah, daily congregational prayers, Taraweeh, observance of all Big Nights, Nazira classes, **Saturday Islamic classes**, Adult Qur'an reading classes, Professional Counseling, and fortnightly Qadri Khatam and Zikr. , Funeral rites and arrangement, performance of Marriage, Darud Nariya every Thursday night after Isha prayer, Spiritual nights, and participation by invitation of the community to various events. **Professional Tajweed classes offered Tues/Wed. 4-5:30 pm.**

Community Billboard

- DO not forget to Contribute to IIT's Building Fund . Earn your Castle in Jannah & become part of the Masjid Program.
- For all your Tax contact Mohamed Jalloh at E-Tax Resolutions at (310) 502-2174
- For all Real Estate needs please contact Ameena Haseeb at 310-972-0387.
- For Individually Tailored Suits & Italian Fashion contact Jaffer 310-539-8788 at Facia Facia.

As the Holy Months approach we humbly appeal to your Generosity for the months ahead to continue our work. Thanks for ur Support



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The International Institute of Tolerance was founded on the principle of Justice and Equity. Its services are religious and charitable, and grounded in the Islamic faith. One of the principle aims of the Institute is to integrate Muslim Americans into our pluralistic American society. The Institution is focused on working in harmony with other faith groups and civic organizations to enhance our collective futures. The Institute provides religious, educational, and social services to advance justice and promote compassion. Outside its religious services, the Institute's charitable intent can be found in its outreach program. This is the essence of the Islamic value system which drives the Institute's role and functions.



*“The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain producing seven ears, in every ear a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold to whom He wills. Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.”
(Qur'an 2: 261)*



Message from the Imam

“Verily, those who give in charity, both men & women, & offer Allah a loan, it will be returned to them in full, & they shall have a generous reward.”

Being a Part of the Common Good: Laying the Foundation for the House of Allah

This Ramadan is so special to IIT because it made a dream a reality. After 10 years of renting a facility, IIT embarked in a noble project of purchasing a property for it's permanent location. The opportunity was given to the Community locally and abroad, to become participants in this project from its very foundation. It is not very often that individuals are given the opportunity to become involved in such a project from it's initial development. You became involved in laying the foundation for Allah's House.

Now I invite you to another act of goodness and generosity. The new location can house 275 praying spaces. For continuous reward, **Sawabe Jariyyah, (accruing rewards even after your death)**, we offer

you to donate a **Musallah or reading space for \$2000**. This offer is a first come first basis one as space is limited. Remember, as long as the Masjid stands, as long as people pray in it, your reward is assured. We do not want the money now— you have a year in which to make your donations. Here is another opportunity to reserve your place in Jannah/ Paradise.

Subhanallah! **I see your generosity spread like the branches of a tree**, and I am so proud to be the Imam of this Community. I am humbled by your efforts, inspired by your generosity, and awed by your sincerity. This feeling of being a part of goodness, of laying the foundations of Allah's House, of coming together to make it possible that IIT secures a location proves our mission that we are a Center for the people by the people. May Allah Bless you.. Ameen